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August 18, 2021

Catherine Racer Associate Director Department of Housing & Community Development 100 Cambridge Street, Suite 300 Boston, MA 02114

Dear Ms. Racer:

I write to support the Schoolhouse Apartments project proposed by Connolly and Partners of Braintree to create senior affordable housing in the Town of Rockland, one of the communities I represent. In doing so, I join with the Rockland Board of Selectmen, who unanimously approved this project on August 10.

This 40B project would result in the development of twenty-seven affordable senior rental units. As you and DHCD well know, we need more of these (and all) kinds of residential options for seniors, which will help both them as well as families who might move into houses that downsizing seniors have vacated.

I appreciate that work that you and your colleagues do daily to increase the supply of all housing types, including affordable units, in the Commonwealth. I believe that this project will make a small but important contribution that effort.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

John F. Keenan